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AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING)	March 1, 2004
METHOD USING THE SAME)	

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Sir:

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The cited document was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, this document was cited in a Japanese Official Action issued January 20, 2004, (copy enclosed) from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese patent application.

Applicants' undersigned representative is advised by Applicants' Japanese counsel that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 09-082605 relates to the use of a pulse emission type excimer laser, rather than a continuous emission type excimer laser, as in the

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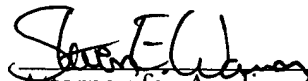
present invention. A translation of this document will be provided if so required by the Examiner.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2). The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any other fees be deemed necessary in connection with this paper.

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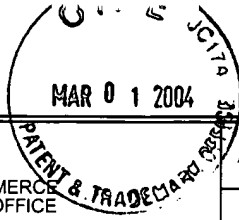
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